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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: K. TSUCHIYA et al.  
Serial No.: 09/455,363  
Filed: December 6, 1999  
For: COMMUNICATIONS CONTROL METHOD AND  
INFORMATION RELAYING DEVICE FOR COMMUNICATION  
NETWORK SYSTEM  
Group: 2137  
Examiner: M. Pyzocha

**REPLY**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 5, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 5, 2007, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 5, 2007, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.